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		1.	A method of searching a collection of linked objects and displaying the results,
	AZ	11	comprising:
	/ 3		acquiring a search group of heterogeneously typed objects, wherein at least one of
	4		the objects comprises a link to another object;
	5		determining for at least a portion of the objects in the search group a set of targets
	6		of links from the objects, including determining whether the link targets
	7		are inside the search group; and
	8		displaying a representation of at least one searched object, the representation
	9		having at least one display attribute determined by the set of link targets.
	10	2.	A method of searching a collection of linked objects and displaying the results,
	11		comprising:
	12		acquiring a search group of objects, wherein at least one of the objects comprises
	13		a link to another object;
	14		determining for at least a portion of the objects in the search group a set of targets
	15		of links from the objects including determining whether the link targets
	16		are inside the search group; and
	17		displaying a representation of at least one searched object, the representation
	18		having at least one display attribute determined by the set of link targets,
	19		wherein displayed representations are arranged into a plurality of display layers,
	20		and wherein the display layers can be independently hidden or displayed.
	21	3.	The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein the display attribute is selected from the
	22		group consisting of color, hape, size, position, highlighting, graphical flags, and
	23		labeling text.
	24	4.	The method of claim 1 of 2, wherein representations of a plurality of objects are
	25		displayed on a graph.

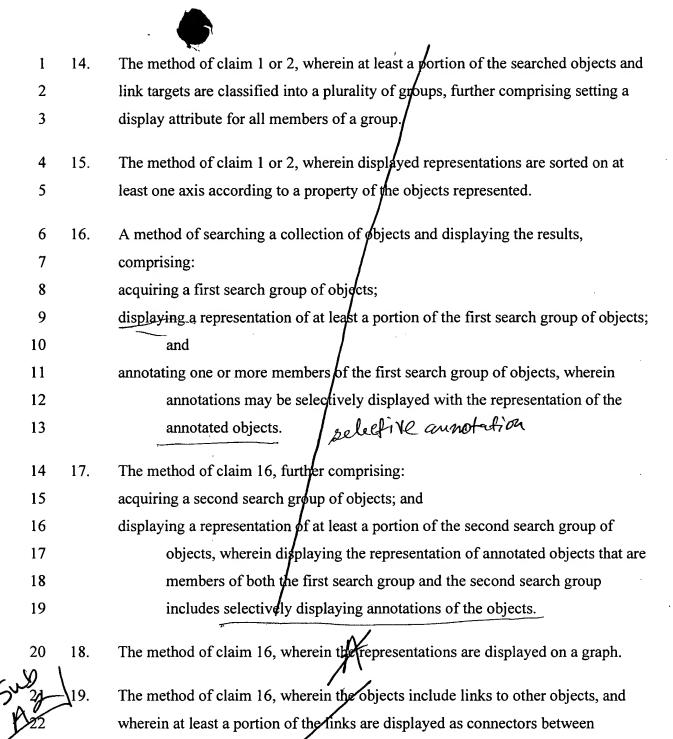


- 1 5. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein representations of a plurality of objects are
- 2 displayed, and wherein at least one link between objects is depicted by a
- 3 connector between the representations.
- 4 6. The method of claim 5, wherein a display attribute of the connector is determined
- by a property selected from the group consisting of the type of the linking object,
- 6 the type of the link target, and the type of the link.
- 7. The method of claim 1 or 2, where n a display attribute of the representation is
- 8 determined by object metadata.
- 9 8. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein determining link targets includes recursively
- determining targets of links of an expanded set of objects comprising the original
- search group and the objects linked to by the search group.
- 12 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the recursion level is in the range of 1-10.
- 13 10. The method of claim 1 ϕ r 2, wherein the search objects comprise documents
- selected from the group consisting of legal opinions, legal treatises, statutes,
- briefs, and law review articles.
- 16 11. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the search objects comprise scientific or
- medical writings, and wherein the links comprise citations to other scientific or
- 18 medical writings.
- 19 12. The method of daim 1 or 2, wherein the search objects comprise patents and
- 20 patent applications and the links comprise references to related patents and patent
- 21 applications.
- 22 13. The method of claim 1 or 2, further comprising annotating at least one of the
- search objects.

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The method of claim 19, further comprising annotating one or more links.

representations of the objects.